

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 17, 2010 which has been reviewed and carefully considered. By means of the present amendment, independent claims 1, 4 and 19 have been amended to include certain features of allowed claims 11 and 18. Accordingly, no new issues requiring a new search have been introduced and entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2 and 4-20 are pending in this application, where claims 1, 4, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18, 19 and 20 are independent.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 9-11, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 20 are allowed. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 9-11, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 20 are allowed. By means of the present amendment, independent claims 1, 4 and 19 have been amended to include certain features of allowed claims 11 and 18 without including other features that are believed to be not necessary for patentability.


Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1, 4 and 19 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully requested that claims 2, 5-8, 12, 14 and 17 also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 4 as well as their individually patentable elements.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented

remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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